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REMARKS

Initially, the Examiner's indication that claims 18-32 and 34-50 contain allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated.

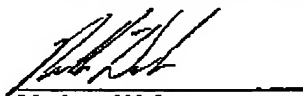
On the merits, the office action rejects claims 17 and 33 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting based on U.S. Patent No. 6,714,660.

In response, Applicant's attorneys submit herewith a terminal disclaimer disclaiming any portion of the instant applicant's patent term which should extend beyond the term of the '660 patent. As the instant application is a continuation application of the '660 patent, effectively, it is believed that no actual patent term is disclaimed.

Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

It is respectfully request that all fees relating to this application be charged to Deposit Acct. No. 50-1290.

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